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1. THE SUBJECT SEMINARS WILL CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS ON GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. THEY REPRESENT THE INITIAL SESSIONS IN A SERIES OF NATIONAL SEMINARS DESIGNED EVENTUALLY TO PROVIDE ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEMOGRAPHY AND PLANNING. THE MEETINGS ARE BASED ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY CASE STUDIES WHICH THE ECA CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RECOMMENDED THE ECA SECRETARIAT UNDERTAKE TO STUDY DEMOGRAPHY, PLANNING AND GROWTH. ECA ORIGINALLY PLANNED SIMILAR SEMINARS IN MADAGASCAR AND MAURITIUS, BUT THESE HAVE BEEN POSTPONED.

2. DURING THE MEETINGS, SPECIFIC TOGOLESE AND MALIAN DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED. ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDAS, THE SEMINARS WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE POPULATION STRUCTURE'S IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING; DEMOGRAPHIC PROJECTIONS AND PLANNING; UTILIZATION OF DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES IN CERTAIN
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PLANNING MODELS; AND THEORETICAL ASPECTS AND APPLICABILITY OF

DEMOGRAPHIC/PLANNING RELATIONSHIPS IN AFRICAN CONTEXT.

3. IN ADDITION TO NATIONAL EXPERTS, OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE ECA STAFFERS; UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, E.G., UNICEF, UNESCO, ILO, WHO, FAO; AND BILATERAL DONOR AGENCIES INVOLVED IN AFRICAN POPULATION ACTIVITIES. SINCE THESE SEMINARS WILL CONCENTRATE ON TOGOLESE AND MALIAN DEMOGRAPHIC SITUATIONS, ECA HAS NOT INVITED OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE.

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